

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office Action of April 6, 2007.

Claim 40 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 44 and 45 have been cancelled to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

A certified English language translation of applicants' priority application is filed herewith in respect of the rejection of Claims 20-29, 39 and 41-43 in view of the *Hashmi* publication dated November 19, 2003. Applicants' priority date is August 28, 2003, the benefit of which has been claimed herein (see Declaration of Inventors).

As the German priority document discloses all that is disclosed and claimed herein, it is respectfully submitted that *Hashmi* has been removed as a reference.

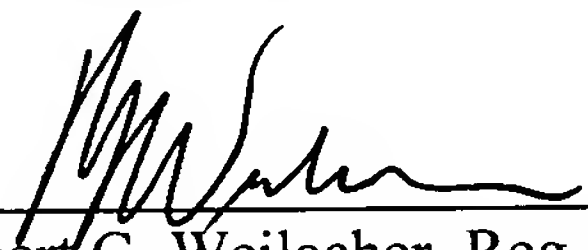
It is noted that Claims 30 to 38 have been indicated as allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicants believe that all issues have been addressed.

Favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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